THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM):

(a)	DD-I	DD-II	DD-III
(a) Sponsored	457	489	—
Commissioned	1303	—	1027
(b) Sponsored	44	143	—
Commissioned	350	—	164
(c) Sponsored	30	91	—
Commissioned	101	—	50

State Government's request for T.V. Channel

289. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has requested for permission to open its own television channel uplinking facilities for that purpose;

(b) whether any guidelines have been laid down for processing requests of this nature; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider reserving any of Doordarshan Channels for exclusive use by State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No Sir, as the Constitution of India places broadcasting in the Union List.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Warning Notice to non-traded firms by Bombay Stock Exchange

290. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay Stock Exchange proposes to issue 'Warning' notices to 1300 non-traded firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such steps of B.S.E. is based on some authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to issue instructions to Stock Exchanges of the country to take steps to safeguard and strengthen the rights of small investors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) and (f) SEBI has been established under the SEBI Act for, inter-alia, effectively regulating the Stock Exchanges and Stock brokers, and for safeguarding the interests of the investors. SEBI is also keeping a constant watch on the trading in securities in Stock Exchanges for ensuring the safety and transparency of the market, and protecting the interests of the investors.

News-item regarding Bank Scam

291. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the news-item in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th May, 1996, captioned "$ 165 m bank scam unearthed";

(b) if so, whether several nationalised banks in the country in collusion with scamsters facilitated the flight of foreign exchange to fake bank accounts abroad;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that fraudsters managed to open accounts in the name of bogus firms in South Indian Bank, UCO Bank, Dena Bank, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, Syndicate Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. The bogus firms posing as importers of computer parts, chemicals etc., produced fake import bills and fake customs bills of entry showing customs duty paid etc. and effected remittances abroad on the strength of these fake documents. These remittances were facilitated on account of alleged collusion of bank employees in some cases and alleged ignorance of bank's staff and inability to detect the fake documents in other cases. RBI has indicated that similar remittances against fake bills are suspected to have been made from State Bank of Indore, Vysya Bank Ltd. and some cooperative banks and investigations have been initiated into these cases. The entire matter has been reported to Enforcement Directorate who are looking into these cases. RBI has advised all banks about the modus operandi employed by the fraudsters in order to guard against recurrence of such frauds. The various aspects relating to import bills were examined by RBI and a circular prescribing specific operating procedure to prevent recurrence of such fraudulent transactions has been issued to banks. The banks have also been advised to take appropriate action against officials found involved/suspected in these frauds.

Non-performing assets of Nationalised Banks

292. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-performing assets of all the nationalised banks in the country;

(b) whether the banks have provided fully before arriving at the profits as on 31.3.96, if not, which are the banks that have not made full provisions for NPA, and

(c) the profits/loss of the nationalised banks, bank-wise and their paid up capital and reserves?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that as on 31.3.1995 the total non-performing assets of nationalised banks stood at Rs. 25114.50 crores.

(b) Banks are required to make provisions for loan losses, depreciation in investments, other contingencies etc. in accordance with Reserve Bank of India guidelines and to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors, before arriving at their net profit or loss. it is deemed that the banks have made the necessary provisions in cases in which any specific qualifications to the contrary have not been made by auditors.

(c) The available data as on 31.3.1996 in respect of profit/loss paid up capital and reserves of nationalised banks, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given in the statement.

Statement

(Source: Balance-Sheet) **(Rs. in Crores)**

Nationalised Banks		As on 31.3.1996		
		Capital	Reserves	Net Profit
1.	Allahabad Bank*	-	-	-
2.	Andhra Bank	426.32	55.20	11.07
3.	Bank of Baroda	577.08	1153.52	204.26